AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Amend paragraph 0034 of the published application as follows:

As depicted in FIGS. 1 and 2, an endoscope assembly comprises a flexible elongate insertion member or shaft 10, a pair of catheters 12 and 14, a sheath 16, and optionally an end cap 18. Insertion shaft 10 <u>inseparably</u> includes a longitudinally extending illumination guide 20 and a longitudinally extending image guide 22. Image guide 22 may take the form of a fiber-optic bundle or, alternatively, an electrical cable. In the latter case, a charged coupled device or other camera (not shown) is disposed at the distal end 24 of the insertion shaft 10 for converting incoming electromagnetic waves into a digitized electrical signal. In either case, a lens 26 is provided at the distal tip of image guide 22 for focusing the incoming electromagnetic waves.